House Resolution No. 1639

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize that the rank of Eagle Scout is a performance-based achievement, the proud standards of which have been well maintained for many years; and

Whereas, Nicholas J. Martinez of Marble Hill, Missouri, will receive the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony to be held on April 25, 2004, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center; and

Whereas, Nicholas, a member of Boy Scout Troop 23, successfully met the requirements to attain Eagle status by completing his Eagle project which involved building a lighted three-flagpole display at the Marble Hill Fire and Rescue Station; and

Whereas, during his six years in Scouting, Nicholas mastered several challenging and diverse skills to earn the Arrow of Light, twenty-seven merit badges, and Ordeal membership in the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, Nicholas demonstrated his capability and willingness to exert leadership by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Chaplain Aide, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Troop Instructor, and Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, the grandson of Jack and Carla Watt, Nicholas developed immense personal growth and fitness by participating in the many assorted activities the Boy Scouts offers, some of which include working on staff at a Junior Leader Training Conference, attending six summer camps, hiking the Shiloh Military Trail in Tennessee, visiting the NASA Space Center, and taking part in white water rafting activities; and

Whereas, attainment of the Eagle rank by Nicholas will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that required considerable dedication and effort:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Nicholas Martinez for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the rank of Eagle and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eagle Scout Nicholas J. Martinez.